

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the selection of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter beddown at Joe Foss Field, 114th Fighter Wing, South Dakota Air National Guard.

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing deploys worldwide and executes directed tactical fighter sorties to destroy enemy forces, supplies, equipment, communications systems, and installations with conventional weapons, or, when directed by the Governor, to protect life and property, preserve peace, order, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing's record of accomplishment and state of combat readiness has established it as the preeminent Air National Guard unit. The Wing has not only excelled but also continues to establish new standards for other Air Force and Air National Guard units to emulate; and

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing's recent national recognitions have included the 2015 National Guard Association of the United States Distinguished Flying Plaque that is presented to the five highest rated Air National Guard flying units after the Spaatz Trophy winner, the 2015 National Guard Association of the United States Major General John J. Pesch Safety Trophy that is presented to the two flying units determined to have demonstrated the highest standards of flight safety in the Air National Guard, the 2014 National Guard Association of the United States Spaatz Trophy that is presented to the highest rated Air National Guard flying unit, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award that is presented for exceptionally meritorious service during the time period of October 1, 2012, to September 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing's recent major deployments and activations have included operations in support of Pacific Command Theater Security Package, Operation POST EAGER LION, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and State Active Duty for the Missouri River Flood; and

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing continues to operate a remote aerospace control alert detachment maintaining 24/7 pilot and aircraft coverage; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the F-35 beddown location selection will have a tremendous impact on our country's national defense and its ability to support operations throughout the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota State Legislature strongly supports the selection of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter beddown at Joe Foss Field, 114th Fighter Wing, South Dakota Air National Guard.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

January 27, 2016
February 2, 2016

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Speaker of the House

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